

Memorandum

Date: January 28, 1997

To: Cynthia Koehler

From: Lester A. Snow



Subject: Existing Conditions and No Action Alternative

As requested, we have put together a package of CALFED Bay-Delta Program's efforts to describe existing conditions, the No Action Alternative, and projects for cumulative impact assessment. The two reports in this package were previously mailed to you on July 1, 1996 and September 27, 1996. In addition, we recently mailed you (January 27, 1997) two reports titled "Final Report on Assumptions for Existing Conditions and the No Action Alternative" and "Addendum to the September 18, 1996 No Action Alternative and Cumulative Impact Analysis Screening Report."

To save you some time, we have packaged the pertinent results of each of the enclosures plus the recently mailed reports into the first enclosure. As a reminder, we are proposing to compare the alternatives to both existing conditions and the No Action Alternative. Items in the first enclosure include:

- a description of the screening process and results of the process for selecting projects that will occur in the future whether our program goes ahead or not;
- the resource categories and the two periods of time information will be gathered to describe existing conditions/affected environment. The description of the purpose of this Table can be found in the July 11, 1996 workshop packet;
- the resource categories, changes to be evaluated in those resource categories, and the information that needs to be measured in order to assess the changes. While this effort was not a part of our efforts to describe the existing conditions or No Action Alternative, we believe it will be helpful in understanding which characteristics we are proposing to focus on to help us understand the consequences of and differentiate between the alternatives; and
- the Operation and Regulatory Criteria and Assumptions for Existing Conditions and the No Action Alternative.

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The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

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National Marine Fisheries Service

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We will be producing a wrap-up report and associated set of overheads. It should be ready sometime in February, 1997. If you have any questions, please give Rick Breitenbach a call at (916) 657-2666.

Enclosures